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In re Application of

Shalom Z. Hirschman et al.

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A Method of Determining Down-Regulation of

the Expression of HIV Coreceptor, CCR5 With

Product R

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 7 as follows:

- (Four-Times Amended) A method for determining down-regulation of gene expression of a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) coreceptor, comprising the steps of:
 - a) culturing cells capable of expressing said human HIV coreceptor;
 - b) dividing said cultured cells into a plurality of groups;